

Town of Weare
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2003

Present: Brian McDonald, Chairman; Douglas Cook, Co-Chairman; Jonathan Wallace, Selectman; David Bougher, Selectman; Thomas Reynolds, Selectman

Public: Matt Pelletier, Kelly Bumpus, Ginger Esenwine, Forrest Esenwine, Sherry Butt Dunham

The meeting was held at the Town Office Building. Chairman McDonald opened the meeting at 6:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

1. Public Participation

Jonathan Wallace gave his opinion that the board was mistreated at the last meeting. Mr. Wallace said that the board has done no wrong. He also gave his opinion that elections have been mishandled in the town. Mr. Wallace accused Mr. Neal Kurk of trying to make exceptions to regulations on property on Mt. Dearborn Road. Mr. Wallace said that Mr. Frank Bolton is in a conflict of interest with his position on the Finance Committee. Responding to newspaper articles, Mr. Wallace said that people were never "dragged" into court and that the board only did what the judge recommended.

2. Nonpublic Session

Motion by Chairman McDonald to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91A: II(a) at 6:55 PM. Seconded by Selectman Reynolds. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Wallace yes, Selectman Reynolds yes, Selectman Bougher yes, Selectman Wallace yes, Selectman Cook yes.

The selectmen and Kelly Bumpus were in attendance.

-There was a discussion of hiring Kelly Bumpus as minutes transcriber. Motion by Chairman McDonald to exit nonpublic session at 7:15 PM. Seconded by Selectman Reynolds. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman McDonald yes, Selectman Reynolds yes, Selectman Bougher yes, Selectman Wallace yes, Selectman Cook yes.

Motion by Chairman McDonald to hire Kelly Bumpus as minutes transcriber at \$10.00 per hour. Seconded by Selectman Bougher. Motion approved 5-0.

3. Recommendations from Carl Knapp

-The board approved starting work on Abijah Bridge this summer.

4. Deliberative Session Assignments

-There was a discussion of assignments for the deliberative session.

5. Manifests

Motion by Chairman McDonald to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign checks dated February 6, 2003 with Accounts Payable at \$449,386.93 and Gross Payrolls at \$21,238.99 for a total of \$470,625.92. Seconded by Selectman Wallace. Motion approved 5-0.

6. Old Business

-The board suspended exercise in the town hall until the board can talk to the group that does the activities.

-Selectman Bougher had an opinion on the Merrill matter from an attorney.

The road is still in the town's possession.

Motion by Chairman McDonald to pass the George Merrill/ Martin Rd. issue to the planning board. Seconded by Selectman Bougher. Motion approved 4-0, Selectman Reynolds abstaining.

-Selectman Bougher gave his opinion that the petition warrant article on growth control does not just apply to subdivisions.

-Selectman Reynolds mentioned that the trustees of the trust fund have not been paying for a number of things. Reynolds asked if minutes would be approved soon. The board agreed to approve minutes at the next meeting. Reynolds asked about the status of the Safety Complex bid process. Nobody knew.

-Selectman Cook mentioned the \$10,000 petitioned warrant article submitted that was not put on the warrant and said that nobody but the Town Clerk should accept petitioned warrant articles.

Motion by Selectman Wallace to notify all workers in the Town Office building that only the Town Clerk may accept petition warrant articles. Seconded by Chairman McDonald. Motion approved 5-0.

-Selectman Cook said that the board will hold newspapers accountable for things they have written. Cook also said that people who work outside the town and have long commutes may use absentee ballots to vote.

-Selectman Bougher disagreed, saying that the idea of absentee ballots is for people who are out of the area and that it is the responsibility of voters to get to the polls. Bougher suggested extending voting hours.

7. New Business

-None

8. Nonpublic Session

Motion by Selectman Cook to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91A: II(a) and (c) at 8:30 PM. Seconded by Selectman Wallace. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman McDonald yes, Selectman Cook yes, Selectman Wallace yes, Selectman Reynolds yes, Selectman Bougher yes.

Submitted by:

Cyrus Perron, Recording Secretary